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MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM: Chief, Intelligence Information Staff, ORR

SUBJECT: Requests for Clarification of Statistics and Terms  
used in The Economy of the USSR - Statistical Col-  
lection. (ORR 10134)

1. The Department of State is willing to approach the USSR through ECE committee meetings in Geneva and/or the Embassy, Moscow in an effort to obtain some clarification of the statistics presented in the subject handbook. For this first approach the Department desires to discuss the questions raised, if any, concerning a number of sections of the handbook rather than limit the questions to a single category.

2. All Divisions should address their requests for definitions of terms used in the statistical handbook and clarifications of conflicting statistics to [REDACTED] Requirements Branch, 1217 M Building by close of business 29 August 1956. 25X1A9a

3. The classification of any background discussion should be kept as low as possible and the questions will, of course, be unclassified.

4. Questions having an important bearing on research problems should be clearly differentiated from those which could be considered of peripheral interest.

5. It is intended to get the requirements to the field as soon as possible while the subject is of current interest and under discussion at the various ECE committee meetings.

For the Chief,  
Intelligence Information Staff

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